



## 'CHUNDRA LELA' VISITS HONESDALE

Mrs. A. S. Burnell Impersonates Hindu Priestess

LARGE AUDIENCE ENJOYS MONOLOGUE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SUNDAY MORNING--SPEAKS ALSO AT EVENING SERVICE.

Impersonating Chundra Lela, the Hindu Priestess, Mrs. Abby Snell appeared before a large audience Sunday morning in the First Presbyterian church, arrayed in white drapery, and gave a most realistic and realistic portrayal of the Hindu.

It was a fascinating story that she told with unusual personal and dramatic power, as she sank her own personality entirely into that of the white-robed Hindu priestess, journeying from shrine to shrine in search for truth. One could not help thinking of Saint Augustine's famous saying "Thou (God) hast made us for Thyself, and our souls are restless till they rest in Thee," she narrated the story of the priestess' quest for God with such simplicity and vivid directness that the listener was held spellbound by the sincerity, the Oriental charm and the underlying pathos of her depiction.

In introducing her to the congregation, Doctor Swift, the pastor of the Old First church, said that she was "a niece of Prof. Ebenezer Bell, of Amherst College, whom every older graduate honored, revered and loved." The story told by her is a true one. She impersonates Hindu priestess.

"For a little while," began Mrs. Snell, in an evenly modulated voice, which she maintained throughout the narration, "forget yourselves, forget your surroundings, forget even America and its history. Into that dark land let me pour a story of a country hoary with age before this country was born, of life among a people whose conception of God and manhood is as far removed from ours as the East is from the West. This is to be a story of Nippur, a little kingdom."

"My father was a wealthy landowner, and family priest to the Raja. Now I was the daughter of my father's favorite wife. My name is Chundra Lela, which means 'The Daughter of the Moonbeam.' I was married at seven to a son of a wealthy neighbor. Two years later my husband died, and I had become the most despised of all creatures, a child widow."

"I was instructed in the faith and teachings of our sacred books. Thirteen my family started on a pilgrimage to the Eastern coast. My father was suddenly seized with palsy and died. Before expiring he called me to him and said: 'Lela, my child, I must leave. When you reach home open the chest and what I find there is yours.' My father believed the proper burning rights. My fellow pilgrims saw that I arrived home safely."

"I was naturally of a religious and devout nature. I spent the next year in the study of the sacred books. I read there that she who would visit certain four shrines situated in four cardinal points of India, might be pardoned of sin. India, shaped like a vast kite. Child as I was, and knowing naught of the world, I determined to go. I a girl of 14, started out at midnight. I always counting my sacred beads. I took up the pilgrimage. The first shrine I visited was 'Jugnaunt,' the Lord of the World. Its image is a crude ugly block of wood. This sacred car is covered with most obscene images. I made a vow. I did all that I could. I fasted and bathed in every river. Months crept into years before I reached Ramah Lela, the second shrine. Southern India. I made Ramah a special deity. I offered many prayers. The third shrine I visited was Krishna, the vilest of all. Of it is written, 'whosoever shall touch this sacred spot shall be forgiven of all sin.'"

"I turned my face toward the last shrine, the twin peaks of the Himalayas. I began the 10,000 foot ascent. Seven years had passed since I began my pilgrimage. 'Here,' said, 'my sin is to be forgiven.' I sat five days in worship. As I went down the mountain the heavenly burden I carried was a disappointed heart. I went to Benares, the most sacred city of India. I came priestess to one of the Rajas. After seven years he died, and I made a vow to spend the next years in self-torture."

"It was in Assam that Lela's faith was shaken at discovering the children of the priests. Later she met an American woman, read the Bible, became a Christian, broke caste by drinking a glass of water offered her by a low-caste person, and spent her life in saving others, among whom was her brother whom she baptized in his dying hours."

"It was a wonderful story--this story of Chundra Lela whose search for God was finally rewarded after years of wandering."

Mrs. Abby Snell Burnell comes from a good old New England stock, being a descendant of John and Priscilla and a cousin only removed to William Cullen Bryant. Her platform ability has been inherited from father and grandfather whose two single pamphlets cover practically one hundred

## ADDRESS ON "DIRT ROAD" JONES LAW

Chance For Farmers To Better Township Roads

COUNTRYMAN PROFITS BY PROVISIONS OF JONES STATUTE--SOME INTERESTING FEATURES OF THE ACT EXPLAINED.

The following article is reprinted from a Lancaster county paper and will be read with interest by all anxious for dirt road improvement:

An address delivered before the Lancaster County Farmers' association by Donald McCaskey, M. D., Witmer, Pa., President Supervisor Board, Lampeter township.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The man who is responsible for the Jones law is E. E. Jones from Susquehanna county. He has been a member of the House for some years. The trouble used to be that the farmers were up against the city men. The city men were well organized, with their automobile clubs, chambers of commerce and business men's league. All their road activities were previously made in behalf of expensive hard surfaced roads costing from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per mile, and so with this kind of opposition the farmers got very little.

Jones was a country man. He knew what kind of a proposition we country folks were up against. He realized that we country people would have to have help for our dirt road troubles and so he framed the Jones Bill in order to give the opportunity to farmers and active supervisors to do something. Before this time in some townships, road taxes were never collected in cash, but once a year they called the farmers out to work on the roads, and there was a week's jollification. Mr. Jones wanted to see the township road tax money paid in to the treasury instead of having it worked out on the roads, and he framed this bill which provided for the State's giving 50 per cent. of the amount of tax collected in cash to each township which made such collection instead of the work system. Some outsiders meddled in and the amount was reduced to \$20 a mile. The provisions of the law I will briefly state.

First of all, the word "road supervisor" has been left out. Hereafter road officials will be known as "township supervisors."

Another change is the time and manner of electing supervisors. In the coming township election one supervisor will be elected. In 1913 two. In 1915 one. So it goes. The term of each supervisor will be four years. The time of the organization of the board has changed to the first Monday in December, so that everything will be in working order at the beginning of the new calendar year. A vital provision is that the supervisors can get all the help they want from the Highway Department in Harrisburg.

If you people have any road difficulties which you can not solve yourselves, do not hesitate to call on that Department to send a man. They will send one man or any number of men free of charge who will do your surveying or make any necessary plans, all of which will cost you nothing. If you wish to grade a hill, the Jones Bill provides that you have the gratuitous services of a surveyor.

Another vital point is that the supervisors may employ a single man to look after the entire road system of the township, who shall be styled as the Township Superintendent. It (Continued on Page Eight)

years, the grandfather, Dr. Thomas Snell, having been pastor over one Massachusetts church for sixty-three years.

Mrs. Burnell gained material for her monologues of Hindu life while living in Southern India, whither she went, as she herself expressed it, because a young man asked her to go with him. She has adopted the unique method of picturing the life of the Hindu woman to the American people through the wearing of the costume of that country and telling a continuous story in the first person as though she were relating the history of her own family. The story is not only artistic in its conception, but so completely does the speaker lose herself in her character--so vividly does she give the different events and scenes, that the audience lose themselves and suppose they are listening to the genuine Hindu woman. Indeed Mrs. Burnell has been asked hundreds of times at the close of her recital where she learned to speak English so beautifully and what has become of her son?

The service was of an inspiring character throughout, and could not help but be of inestimable benefit in arousing a still greater zeal and liberality among the members of the Old First church, who are noted for their generous contributions to all operations of the church, and particularly to those among peoples of foreign speech.

Mrs. Snell also addressed a large audience at the evening service. Reposing in the baptismal font at the front of the auditorium of the church, filling the air with fragrance and devotion, typical of the veneration American manhood pays to American womanhood, was a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums which the brothers Charles and Henry Hand, residing in Brooklyn, N. Y., had sent in loving memory of their mother, who died this Thanksgiving, two years ago.

## GOV. TENER GETS INFERNAL MACHINE

Mysterious Package Mailed at Philadelphia

POSTOFFICE INSPECTORS SEARCHING FOR SENDER OF DEADLY PARCEL--PUBLIC OFFICERS ALWAYS IN DANGER OF THEIR LIVES.

Charleroi, Pa., Nov. 27.--A long cylindrical package addressed to Governor John K. Tener at his home here was received a few days ago, it became known to-night, in the mail postmarked Philadelphia. There were peculiar things about the package which caused Postmaster J. E. McArdle to hesitate about delivering it to the Governor's residence. On the outside was a highly colored picture of Theodore Roosevelt in cowboy costume. There was also an inscription, "Memorial to the State Heroes Dedicated," and another, "Drive the Republican Bosses Out."

Postmaster McArdle consulted the Governor about the package and advised him not to open it, so the Governor returned the package to the postoffice and it was turned over to Postmaster Inspector H. H. Wil-



GOV. JOHN K. TENER.

liams when he arrived here to-day. Williams took the package and soaked it several hours in water while he attended to other business, and then he took a penknife and gingerly opened it.

The first thing he found was a long piece of punk, evidently designed as a fuse. Then he discovered a match, and attached to the lid of the box a piece of bent steel, fixed in such a position that when the lid was removed it would strike the match. Beneath this was a lot of powder of a peculiar sort, and embedded in this powder were a number of bullets of about 22-caliber.

Inspector Williams at once turned the powder over to a chemist, and it will be analyzed carefully. He also notified Postoffice Inspector Cortelyou at Philadelphia, and a search will be instituted to find out, if possible, who sent the infernal machine. Mr. Williams said that it is doubtful if this will ever be discovered, as beyond the fact that the package was postmarked Philadelphia, there is no clue to the sender.

Honesdale 45; Scranton 16.

The Rink Five put it all over the Scranton North End Stars last Thursday evening at the Roller Rink in a one-sided game, the final score of which was 45-16. Like the New York Ex-Giants the Electric City bunch was strong on individual plays but weak in team work.

The box score follows: Honesdale. Scranton. Ross (J. Polt) F.....O'Neill W. Polt.....F.....Roland O'Connell.....C.....Robinson Brader.....G.....Ferguson Bader.....G.....Mahon field baskets--Ross 1, J. Polt 3, W. Polt 8, O'Connell 1, Brader 5, Bader 3, O'Neill 4, Roland 1, Ferguson 1, Mahon 2. Baskets on fouls, Brader 3. Referee, R. J. Bracey; Timekeepers, Charlesworth and O'Neill.

OFFICIAL VOTE IN FOUR COUNTIES.

Montrose, Pa., Nov. 18.--Return judges from Wayne, Wyoming, Bradford and Susquehanna counties have gone over the vote cast for Congressman in the Fourteenth district and certified the result to the proper officials. The judges were: W. E. Lane, of Towanda, Bradford county; Joseph Wood Platt, Tunkhannock, Wyoming county; Herman Harnes, Honesdale, Wayne county, and Hon. John S. Courtwright, Montrose, Susquehanna county. Attorney Seldon Munger acted as clerk to the board.

The official vote by counties with plurality and majority is as follows: County.....Ainey R'kw'll R'kw'll Rep. Dem. Key. Bradford.....5553 2650 1669 Susq'a.....3826 2229 452 Wyoming.....1646 1253 349 Wayne.....2835 2233 227 Totals.....13860 8365 2697 Ainey's majority, 2,796.

"His Honor The Mayor," at the Lyric on Wednesday evening.

## BOSTON BOY WINS HONESDALE GIRL

Cupid Beats Out Ocean Steamer

ROMANTIC COURTSHIP BEGUN ABOARD SHIP ENDS HAPPILY IN LITTLE OLD NEW YORK.

The following is the unique invitation issued on board ship:

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S. S. Pennsylvania--At Sea--Nov. 21st, 1911.  
The Committee of the Pennsylvania Entertainment Club, has the honor to announce the Engagement of Miss Carrie Helfferich to Mr. Dwight E. Price.  
The wedding will take place on Saturday, November 25th, in New York City.  
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"Cupid Outspeeds Ocean Liner; Wedding Follows Love At Sea," is the heading of a romantic story appearing in Sunday's New York American, in which Miss Carrie Helfferich, a Honesdale belle, who lives with her mother, Mrs. Julia Helfferich, 1213 West street, figures. The story is as follows:

Cupid works swiftly these hustling days of record-breaking, and it did not take him long to deal a hand in his game of hearts to two young people who were passengers aboard the Hamburg-American liner Pennsylvania, which reached New York from Hamburg yesterday.

Dwight E. Price, vice-president of the Rogers Wheel Company of Boston, boarded the steamer at Hamburg on November 11. He was on his way home from Vienna in response to a message telling him that his father was seriously ill at No. 81 Massachusetts avenue, Boston.

Before the vessel was ten miles from port he noticed Miss Carrie Helfferich, young and pretty, talking to another passenger. Price was smitten, and when Miss Helfferich went below he begged her companion to introduce him.

The next day Price found Miss Helfferich in the music room. She was playing the piano. Then and there did Price introduce himself. After dinner the couple met on deck, and then Price confessed that his heart was his no more, and begged Miss Helfferich to marry him. She told him that her home was in Pennsylvania, where girls make up their minds quickly.

Captain Russ was asked on the following morning if he would marry them. "Such a thing I have never seen on my boat before," he said. "I think it would be best for you to wait until we reach port." There was no minister aboard, so Price and his sweetheart were forced to wait.

Some of the passengers learned of the match, and formed themselves into the Pennsylvania Entertainment Club, got the ship's printer to print some engagement announcements, and then entertained the lovers to a champagne supper, at which Captain Russ presided and made a speech.

As soon as wireless communication was established with New York, Price sent messages to his father in Boston and Miss Helfferich's widowed mother in Honesdale, Pa. A woman passenger knew a minister in Hoboken and as soon as the ship jumped into pier yesterday the pair procured a license and were married in time for them to catch a train at noon for Boston. They will return to New York next week and after visiting Honesdale will start for California to spend their honeymoon.

Miss Helfferich, who went abroad to visit relatives in Baden Baden, admitted that it was a case of love at first sight.

FOUR CHURCHES UNITE.

Rev. Wendell Preaches Thanksgiving Sermon in Central M. E. Church.

The Protestant Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches of Honesdale will unite in a Thanksgiving service to be held in the Methodist Episcopal church at 10:30 a. m. November 30. Rev. G. S. Wendell will deliver the sermon. The following musical program will be given:

1. Anthem--"Lift Thine Eyes," (Spence) united chorus.

2. Solo--(Selected), Miss Mary Holland.

Double Quartette (Jubilant Deo, in D.), Mrs. Rockwell, Mrs. Crossley, Misses Robinson and Toms, Messrs. Truscott, Bodie, Dibble and Callaway.

Duet--"A Song of Praise," (Goublier), Miss Florence Steelman and J. Bodie.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

"Three Twins" Special

County Seat, Hawley, White Mills, "Three Twin Cities," Granted Extra Show Train.

As an index of the popularity of the "Three Twins," billed for the Lyric Theatre, Dec. 4, the Erie will run a special train that night between the three twin cities of Honesdale, Hawley and White Mills.

## JR. O. U. A. M. ATTENDS CHURCH

Pastor Miller Addresses Them on Patriotism

DECLARES RELIGION AND POLITICS MUST MIX IN THE AFFAIRS OF OUR NATION--THE CHRISTIAN THE BEST CITIZEN.

Declaring that the true Christian man is always the best citizen, and that Religion and Politics must mix in the affairs of our nation, Rev. C. C. Miller, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, delivered a strong sermon Sunday night, before the Honesdale Council, No. 380, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, who attended the services in a body.

Taking as his text Isaiah 26:15--"Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified; thou hast removed it far unto all the ends of the earth," Pastor Miller spoke in part as follows:

"It is a source of great satisfaction to every devout Christian that the Chief Executive of the nation is accustomed once a year to invite the people to assemble in their places of worship, to return thanks to Almighty God for His blessings to the country."

"It is also a matter of gratification that your order, by insisting that that you attend divine worship once a year, gives public and solemn recognition of a Supreme Being, an Overruling Power, and it cannot fail to exert a salutary influence on our people at large, and secure for us a continuance of Divine favor and blessing."

"It is just 122 years ago that the first National Thanksgiving was celebrated, November 26, 1789. The occasion was that the people had succeeded in effecting a constitutional government."

"By the Providence of God this country has been opened to all the world that we first might apprehend, enjoy and give civil and religious liberty to a sin-cursed and priest-ridden world. Here each man is sovereign in his own sphere."

"The word 'Democracy' has such peculiar charm to the popular ear that there is a tendency to degenerate it and turn it into mere license. Men regard this land as a place where they may do about as they please. For unjust legislation there is always a remedy, but not in contempt of the commonwealth. By the ballot box we can make or unmake legislation."

"If I understand the principles of your order you stand not for selfish perverted patriotism which expresses itself in the surly restriction of emigration. No there is room for all emigrants in this land; but we must put up a bar to all those who would be detrimental to the country, such as the insane and pauper."

"Patriotism is not a mere, morbid effervescent sentiment, but patriotism is a deep-hearted love founded on the bed rock of the eternal God-given principle obliging all men not only to respect their country's laws but to contribute to the development of every phase of life through the length and breadth of the land."

"If our people want to show their patriotism and love to their country let them pray to God to raise up leaders among men who will take us forward under the blessing of Almighty God."

"The true Christian man is always the best citizen. Religion and Politics must mix in the affairs of our nation. Piety and patriotism must clasp hands at the altar of Freedom. The prosperity of the nation depends on Christian men who do their duty."

"The family is the keystone foundation of character, the hope of the church, the safety of the State. Many of the homes in our day have become mere inns where families eat and sleep. Family life is lost in the giddy whirl of society, in the chase after cheap amusement. Let us try to neutralize the spirit of the age, and become keepers of our homes. Let us make our hearts pure, our homes pleasant, our lives beautiful."

"May the flag of Freedom unfurl its Stars and Stripes over all the earth, and as an object lesson to future citizens of the land may it float over all the school houses from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf, and may good people everywhere find refuge under its folds so that they may be constrained to cry out, like the immortal Webster, 'I, I, too, am an American citizen!'"

Several hundred people attended the service which was featured by special music rendered by the choir of St. John's.



The Thanksgiving Bird is Now Ready

## FOUND GUILTY IN S. P. C. A. CASE

'Squire Ham Fines Brussels \$10 and Costs.

DEFENDANT TECHNICALLY GUILTY OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS IN FAMOUS CASE OF SCHIMMEL VS. BRUSSELLS--ACTED AS HIS OWN ATTORNEY.

"I think you are technically guilty of cruelty to animals. According to law you are considered guilty of cruelty to animals. But you have a right to appeal. I shall have to fine you \$10 and costs."

Such was the decision handed down last Thursday evening by Squire William H. Ham, following a hearing of the evidence in the case of Schimmel vs. Brussels, the latter being arrested on the complaint of A. F. Schimmel, who alleged that Brussels was guilty of causing cruelty to animals Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 22, when he tied a cow to a wagon with a short rope, and left his horses unblanketed and unfed and unwatered from 2:30 p. m. to 6 p. m.

The hearing was held in 'Squire Ham's office, and proved to be a spicy one. A large number of witnesses crowded the improvised court room almost to suffocation.

At 7:18 p. m. 'Squire Ham asked if all the parties were ready to proceed, and on being informed that they were, he told Mr. Brussels that he was charged with cruelty to animals.

"I plead not guilty," spoke up the defendant, quick as a flash.

'Squire Ham then read the complaint to him, informing Brussels that he was charged with causing unlawful cruelty and distress to animals.

"Not guilty," reiterated the defendant.

"Call your complainant," spoke up County Detective N. B. Spencer, who played the role of district attorney throughout the proceedings.

A. F. Schimmel, the prosecutor, was sworn and testified: "Well, I see this man have his team tied up there to a post from 2:30 to 5 o'clock, and they had no blankets on."

"What happened to them at 5 o'clock?" asked Detective Spencer.

"I don't know anything about that," replied Mr. Schimmel. "I seen him have a cow tied to the wagon. He had the cow tied right close up to the axle of the wagon, head down. I looked at the cow, and told him I had one at the barn (Continued on Page Eight)

## Sunday School Workers Meet in Hawley

Besides the county Sunday school convention which meets annually, Wayne is divided into several sub-districts which hold a meeting twice a year. The Hawley district is a circle beginning at South Canaan, sweeping around to Lakeville, Kimbles, Long Ridge, and back again to Canaan, including all the schools within the territory of whatever name or denomination, probably eighteen or twenty in number.

The last convention was held in the Presbyterian church of this village on Wednesday, Nov. 22. There was not a large delegation, but the sessions proved very interesting and profitable. The Rev. E. W. Morrison, of South Canaan, was president, Miss Millie Tuttle was secretary and Miss Mame Snyder, treasurer, both of Hawley. The Rev. C. S. Smalley delivered a speech of welcome a little out of the usual line. Instead of the hackneyed words of welcome he launched out into an address upon the Sunday school as allied to matters educational, inspirational and missionary. He dwelt particularly upon the missionary idea. It was a warm and helpful address in Mr. Smalley's best vein. Reports of various departmental work of the schools of the district and attention to items of business completed the morning period.

The afternoon period was mainly given up to open conference on Cradle Roll work. This conference was in charge of the county president, Dr. Appley, of Damascus. The doctor practices medicine as a vocation and follows Sunday school work as an avocation. And he is an enthusiastic and well informed worker. He withstood, with utmost composure and good nature, for more than an hour, a fusillade of objections and questions, to the great delight and profit of all present.

Mrs. F. L. Tuttle presented an excellent paper on Temperance and furnished the convention literature on the work adapted to Sunday schools, published by the W. C. T. U.

The evening was occupied with an address by President Morrison who gave a very glowing resume of the State Sunday school convention held recently at Newcastle, to which he was delegate. There followed also some statements by Dr. Appley of the finances of the county organization, to the funds of which this convention contributed about ten dollars from its treasury. Then the doctor suffered another volley of questions after he had elaborated Organized Adult Bible Class work.

It was a very profitable and enjoyable session, and those who were prevented from attending missed many good things. It is likely the next session will be held at Lakeville.--Hawley Times.